U.S. Perfins Notes by Chuck Spaulding

Is it John- or Johns-Manville Company? The current catalog lists the user of patterns J96-1 to J96-10, J96.5-1 to J96.5-4, J98, and J99 as John-Manville Company, and J97, J108.6, J109, and J109.5 as Johns-Manville Company. Covers have been located for most of these patterns and all of them carry the Johns-Manville company name. Unless someone has a cover to suggest otherwise, it must be assumed that the John-Manville in

the catalog is a typographical error.

Frank L. Young & Kimball. Pattern Y9 (Y&K) has no user listed in the current catlog, but a cover strip (right) has been located which identifies the user as Frank L. Young & Kimball of Boston. The firm was in the oil business.

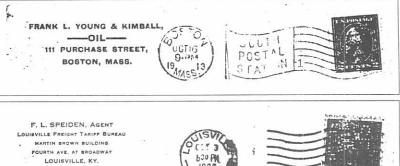
What does SE/MVA stand for? The current catalog only lists the city of origin for pattern S109 (SE/MVA) as Louisville, KY. The cover strip (right) shows the pattern used with the corner card of F. L. Speiden, Agent, Louisville Freight Tariff Bureau. That would indicate that SE/MVA is a railroad pattern, but which one? Can any of our railroad perfin buffs help?

Goetz Beer? This 1909 cover (right) with perfin G41 (GBC) perforated into a 1903 2¢ red (Scott 319) shows postmark and corner card of St. Joseph, MO, but no firm name. However, the cover contained a credit memorandum headed M. K. Goetz Brewing Co. and that seems to be a perfect match for the GBC of the perfin. The pattern is unidentified in the current U.S. catalog.

Here is another one for the railroaders. The current U.S. Catalog shows the user of L146 (LS/&/MS) as the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, which is a perfect match for the pattern. So what is it doing on a post card (top right) with what appears to be a freight schedule for the Chicago, Indiana & Southern Railroad, Kankakee Division (Formerly I.I.&I.)? There's no reference to this railroad in the current Railroad Perfins

Catalog. Is this a courtesy use of a perfin or were the two railroads connected to one another? Maybe some of the railroad buffs can help on this one also.







M. K. Goetz Brewing Co.

St Joseph, Mo.,

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(#2355) is currently
assisting in the
production of the new
U.S. Perfins Catalog
and will soon begin work
on a catalog of Revenue Perfins.